

## GYPSIES SURVIVE ALL VICISSITUDES

Legal Efforts to Rid England of  
Migratory Romany Race Fail,  
and Horde of Professional  
Idlers Continues to Prosper.

London, Aug. 12.—The visit of Macdonald gypsies recalls the remarkable fact that since the year 1850 the English have frequently tried, by laws and bylaws, to rid the country of this strange people and without any appreciable success. Surrey was lately up to arms against them, and if we go back to the thirty-first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth we find that the justices of the Peace of that country, on April 22, ordered the building of a house, to be called a house of correction, "where all idlers and vagabonds shall be lodged, punished and set to work." Then, as now, Surrey was the place most favored by the unwholesome wanderers.

There were other idlers and vagabonds who plagued our forefathers and who are quite as numerous in an old statute as "such as wake on the night and sleep on the day and haunt our highways, taverns and alehouses and rove about, and no man wot from whence they come no whither they go."

Idle soldiers and wandering marines were then treated as felons, so that it is no matter of surprise that the early laws against the gypsies were severe in the extreme. It is supposed that gypsies first entered this country in the year 1312. They seem to have had a keen insight into human nature, for while in continental countries they courted and received a toleration as pilgrims, they persisted here that they were people of such position in Egypt, persecuted and driven forth.

Astology and magic were fashionable at the time and Egypt was the home of these arts. Hence the gypsies, as at first and come and made much of it. But very soon they proved to be a pest, and in 1550 an act ordered them to quit the country in sixteen days, taking all their goods, with a penalty of forfeiture and imprisonment. They were described as "outlandish people, calling themselves Egyptians, using no crafts nor art of merchandise, but have come into this realm, and gone from shire to shire and place to place in great company, and used great subtilty and craft to deceive the people, bearing them in hand that they, by palmistry, could tell men's and women's fortunes; and so, many times, by craft and subtilty, have deceived the people of their money and have also committed many heinous felonies and robberies."

**STRICTER LAWS PASSED.**  
But the act did not succeed. In 1564, the first year of Philip and Mary, a far more stringent law was framed. It says that, in spite of the previous statutes, "because of the said company molesting the tranquillity of the said statute, have entreated to come over and over again into this realm, using their old accustomed subtilty and naughty practices and devices, to the dangerous example of our Majesty's subjects, and the utter ruin of the country." Therefore, any person bringing a gypsy into the country would be fined ten shillings, and if he refused to pay, he would be liable to imprisonment for a month. More than a month was to be deemed a felony, to suffer death and loss of goods and to lose the privilege of sanctuary and clergy.

But the reasonable alternative was given them of leaving "their naughty and ungodly life," and honestly engaging in work. Consequently, a very large number were banished under the terms of the act. Mary, Queen of Scots, is said to have been banished to death at a single stroke of the sword. This did not deter the gypsies, natives of the country, from joining the double crime. These were settled by an act of the fifth year of Elizabeth, confirming the former act, and making it a felony to harbor gypsies, and if they do so, 11 years of age, were to be treated precisely like the forerunners.

But what numbers were executed on these statutes? says a writer of 1612, "you would wonder, yet, notwithstanding, all would not prevail, but they wandered as before upon and down, and meeting once a year at a place appointed, sometimes at the Duke's Hole in Berghshire, and otherwise by Ketbrook at Blackheath."

Scotland, always more tolerant of foreigners than England, seems to have extended hospitality to the gypsies at first. But here, also, they soon became an annoyance. A seriously worded act, to apply to "the idle people calling themselves Egyptians," as well as to others, was passed in 1584. Forasmuch as there is sundry lovable acts of Parliament for the punishing of masterful and idle beggars, it was ordered that "all as make themselves idle and are bairds or other like runners about shall be put into the king's workhouse or house of correction, and there shall be put to work."

This did not do the trick. When the gypsies came in, their wares were sold to the tune or to any other tune, and their wares cut off, and banished the country, and if they did not, they were to be put into the king's workhouse or house of correction, and there shall be put to work."

**DEATH PENALTY ABOLISHED.**  
Both in Scotland and in England legislation proved ineffectual. The acts fell gradually into desuetude. The act of Elizabeth applying to English vagabonds was repealed by one of George III, and the death penalty of Philip and Mary was abolished in the first year of George IV's reign. Four years later all previous vagrancy acts were repealed and the mild law was passed that any person "telling fortunes shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond," and also, "any person wandering abroad and lodging in the open air or under a tent or in any cart or wagon, not having visible means of subsistence and unable to give a good account of himself."

This did not hurt the gypsies. In William IV's reign a line of 40 shillings was imposed on any gypsy pitching a tent, booth, stall or stand or exercising on any part of the highway. "The gypsies are no longer a proscribed class," says a recent writer on vagrancy, "and it is arguable that a band of gypsies not engaged in fortune telling and trafficking some remunerative occupation may lawfully live in tents so long as they do not encamp on the highway." Sanitary by-laws seem to be the only available weapon against them, and a week ago the act was passed by the Surrey County Council a few years ago passed a series of by-laws against all dwellings in tents and the act against the gypsies and vagabonds, the Home Secretary refused to confirm them until he got clear evidence of objectionable sites, and then those on the score of insanitation.

Probably the modern gypsy in this country does little evil beyond begging and petty theft, but his determination not to work is as strong as ever, and it seems curious that in London, where the gypsies are so numerous, there is no sign of a professional idler. How numerous the horde is may be gathered from the fact that the number who wintered in Surrey one year recently was estimated at 10,000. The reputation of the gypsies is bad everywhere.

**TRAMP MALTESE CAT RIDES CAR TRUCKS.**

Feline Robo Likes Perilous Place So Well That She Will Have No Other.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Hartford, Conn., Aug. 12.—Employees of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad Company in this city have adopted a tramp Maltese cat, which acted as a nuisance, judging from its fondness for riding on the trucks it came in on a freight train.

It has lost a front foot, probably by some accident in beating its way over the country. After remaining here a few hours, the cat decided it was time to move on, and when the morning train to Indianapolis was about to pull out the cat jumped on the trucks under one of the coaches and lay down in tramp fashion.

One of the trainmen noticed her, and thinking she might get hurt took her by the back of the neck and placed her on the platform. No sooner had she been placed on the platform than she made a jump and again landed on the trucks. The cat was again taken off and the station agent held her until the train pulled out.

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\$20 Bookcases \$12.50  
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For example—Handsome Dressers, exactly like cut—made of rich grained golden oak—with large beveled mirror—swinging on graceful supports—neatly carved and well made—throughout—positively worth \$11.75—this sale for..... **\$11.75**

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### 1/4 OFF ON ALL PARLOR SUITS

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Three-Piece Parlor Suits—Substantially constructed frames in mahogany finish—handsomely upholstered in various colors—well worth \$18—will be closed out this week at..... **\$10.75**

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\$7.00 Extension Tables—same style as cut..... **\$4.98**  
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